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COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met on Monday evening, the Mayor and all councillors present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Applications from Phos. Parkinson, James Ramsey, Jas. Hanson, D. W. Burns, E. O. Fitzgerald and J. W. Parkinson for the position of town constable were read. On vote being taken Jas. Hanson was chosen with D. W. Burns second choice.

The constable's salary was fixed at \$50 per month for the present.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Hanson of his appointment and if not accepted the Police Committee was given power to act.

The license by-laws were read for the second and third time and passed.

A by-law for the drawing up and completing the assessment roll for the present year was given its second reading and passed.

Court of Revision was fixed to sit on Oct. 22nd at 10 o'clock in the council chamber.

Councillor Black gave notice that he would introduce a by-law for the regulation of the building of sidewalks and in what way the money should be raised for same.

The letter from Dugan, Hunters and Co. laid over from last meeting was discussed and the matter left to the Works and Property Committee to report.

Council then adjourned to meet next Monday.

McPhee Coming

James McPhee's big eastern show, Downie's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., will give one night performance under canvas in Taber, Saturday, September 28th. Company number fifty people, two bands, genuine pack of Siberian blood hounds, ponies, donkeys, etc. In addition to the regular company they carry a genuine troupe of colored dancers, singers and cake walkers, who give one of the most entertaining features of the show parade daily. Admission 25c. and 50c.

A. G. McKay of Owen Sound has been elected leader of the Liberal Party in Ontario, succeeding Hon. G. P. Graham.

A threshing engine boiler burst at Roland, Man., injuring five men.

This month's Alberta Gazette announces the resignation of George Fraser as brand inspector at this point, and the appointment of Clarence W. Lawther in his place.

LETHBRIDGE NEWS.

Presbytery Meeting

The Autumn meeting of the Presbytery of Macleod was held in the church at Lethbridge last Friday, the 20th. Rev. T. M. Murray was elected moderator.

It was agreed to place on record the deep sense of loss in the death of Rev. C. McKillop, for many years the highly esteemed minister of Knox church, Lethbridge. The last few years of his ministry were spent at Raymond.

Progress was reported in arrangements for the establishment of a college at Cardston. There is every prospect that a large number of students will enroll when the college opens.

Encouraging reports were received from the Mission fields. It is hoped that nearly all these fields will be supplied during the winter.

It was agreed that at the winter meeting of the Presbytery at Pincher Creek a conference will be held on the life and work of the church.

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EXPLANATION OF DISAPPEARING MAIL—WRITERS FAIL TO GIVE PROPER ADDRESSES

In spite of all precautions that may be taken to prevent their occurrence, errors, accidents, and irregularities, due to various causes, are liable to occur, and do occur, in post offices, as in all other establishments operated under human control. It is desired, therefore, that all to whose knowledge they may come, or who may be affected thereby, will promptly report the same to the post office in order that investigation may be made, the cause ascertained, a remedy applied when possible, and efforts made to prevent a repetition. It is not always, however, safe or just for a correspondent to assume, in advance of investigation, that the error or error which he reports is attributable to fault in the post office service, and still less to name the particular post office or official chargeable for such fault as is sometimes done. Many letters are misdirected (and the tracing of these is rendered specially difficult by the fact that the sender is, of course, not aware of the misdirection)—many are posted with no address—many are posted without prepayment and held for postage as required by law—many are not posted at all by the messengers, clerks or members of a firm to whom they are entrusted—many are mislaid by servants, clerks and others after having been delivered as addressed, delays occur to mails through various transportation casualties, etc. Losses and delays in mail matter occur far more frequently from causes beyond the control of the postal service, than through its shortcomings.

Statistics show that in 99 per cent of cases the fault lies with either the sender or the receiver of letters, rather than with the service. It is perhaps natural, however, unfair, for complainants to reverse the usual rule, and presume the post office guilty until it is proved innocent, but an opportunity should at least be given to furnish that proof if it exists. The actual cause of any irregularity in the treatment of a letter or an article sent by mail can only be positively discovered, if at all by a thorough investigation, and until that is concluded judgment should be suspended.

ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED BY FIRE

EXPLOSION

Coal Creek, Sept. 21.—Another shocking disaster occurred at Coal Creek mines yesterday morning, when one man lost his life and another was seriously injured. A premature explosion in No. 9 mine is supposed to be the cause, but as usual in cases of this sort the affair is veiled in mystery. The name of the dead man is Peter Johnson, and the most sorrowful part of the affair is that his widow reported to be on the way from England to join her husband. The wounded man's name is John B. Delphiste, and it is hardly likely that he will live.

BEAUTIFYING THE TOWN.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:

If the inhabitants of Taber have the interest of the town at heart why don't they all set to and get the gardens, etc., ready for tree planting in the spring? It is a mistake, besides being very poor policy, to only look at the present. Some people have a few trees round their houses which goes a long way towards brightening their own and other people's lives. Selfishness does not pay.

Could not the town see to the planting of trees on some of the avenues and streets, also the parks that are to be and have been talked about—where are they? Taber would not know itself in, say, five years.

TO KILL CANADA THISTLES

An experienced farmer says that "if we had a quarter of an acre of Canada thistles we would let them alone until August, when the thistle would put forth its utmost efforts to produce seed. While the thistles are in full blossom we would mow them, rake them up and burn them, and then plow the ground about eight inches deep, throwing the furrow flat. Letting them put forth their full strength to produce seed and thwarting that by mowing and burning would weaken the roots materially. Then by plowing them under eight inches deep, if possible, you would attack them at their weakest point."

Another farmer says that having failed to kill them when small, he waited until just before the seeds had matured enough to germinate, as at this period the roots have become greatly reduced in vitality, having put forth all their energy to reproduce themselves, which they are sure to do a thousand fold. He then plowed them under about six inches deep, using a heavy chain to press them to the bottom of the furrow, so that they might be covered as deeply as possible. He took the precaution to follow with a hoe and see that every stem was completely covered with dirt. The result of this treatment was far more successful than expected, as the following spring but very few of the thistles appeared. As this spot of ground was not far from the house it was fenced, and made an ideal garden spot, as after such thorough cultivation, it was free from weeds of all kinds.—WESTERN HOME MONTHLY.

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There Two Paths Met.

By INA WRIGHT HANSON.

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In the birch blossom path I saw her first, and my mind was full of annoyance because my sister, who kept my house, should have a girl to tend her and that I should have to do my duty to help entertain her. I would do nothing of the sort, I was thinking, when a form in the white blossomed pathway brought her to my view.

She was slender and had a great mass of brownish yellow hair, plaited up with gold pins, one of which glowed sardonically at me with its topaz eyes. While I was wondering why she didn't comb her hair smoothly she turned, and her eyes, of a wonderful wild blue, seemed to look down into my very soul.

Stand perfectly still, Mr. Angrove, and shut your eyes. Is there anything no sweet in this wide world as a birch path in springtime? Don't open them, Mr. Angrove. I want you to get the fragrance uninterrupted by any other sense.

Why I should have stood there with my foolish eyes shut tight, I do not know, but I did until she gave me permission to look at the white teeth very spry and just as something else which she stroked the rest of the way together. I began to feel interested in knowing what she would say when we came to the end of the path and she said—

"Why, I don't know your name," I said abruptly.

"At first you are going to address me as Miss Brindley," she replied promptly. "Afterward you will say Frances, and at the end you will call me Caprice."

"Why in the world should I call you Caprice?" I asked.

"I don't know," she said. "Don't you ever say things that are queerer than the side of you were saying them with your own tongue?"

My reply to this amazing question was hindered by the smiling of the birch bushes. We stood facing a little pagoda of white marble. I looked at the girl. Her hands were tensely clasped, her red lips were quivering.

"It's like walking down the pathway of love and suddenly coming to the very temple of love itself," she exclaimed.

I frowned. Why should my sister prattle to strangers of our ancestors' conceptions? She seemed to divine my thoughts.

"Why do you look at me like that? What is it? What does it mean?" I showed her the laughing of the trees threshold—"Temple of Love"—and with a sudden swift grace she stepped above the jetting. Then she sprang up. "Come, Mr. Angrove," she cried gaily. "I will run you a race!"

So back along the birch lined path we ran like two children and only my sister's amused smile at the end of the race reminded me of my forgotten dignity.

I spent the rest of the day among my books and alone. Next morning Miss Brindley and I selected a walk opposite the birch path. This was a straight path through an avenue of stately pines. Yesterday the girl had been fanciful or merry; this day she was neither. She walked sedately by me, talking of the future of the future of the future. I began to see why I might some time call her Caprice.

"This is the path of the pines," I said when we had exhausted them.

We should have taken this one first, for it leads straight to the compass needle to the temple, while the birch path meanders foolishly this way and that and makes one many unnecessary steps to reach the same place."

"One welcomes unnecessary steps when one walks with the spirit of the woods," she answered. Anyway, you should not have told me that this path leads to the same place. It would have been nicer for me to discover it by my own."

"So it would," I answered humbly. "How shall I alone?"

"By telling me of yourself," she replied.

"There isn't much to tell," I said, feeling pleased at her interest. We sat on the pagoda, and for me the least was the temple of love. Let her who will prate of long growing affection. I have no love case as the sun rises and sets on the mountain.

I told her of my life as a boy in college, as a man in the business world, and all this faded before me, neglected and long unremembered.

Another day I told her about the temple, how my ancestor had found these paths to try to find his love for his fair young wife and her love for him one path, quick and true as the compass needle, the other sweet in its shy deflections, but ending just as surely at the temple.

"What was the young wife's name?" she asked.

"I don't know. His diary is full of her beauty and sweetness and accomplishments, but it never mentions her name. He had his own notes for her—Solemn, Starlight, Heartsease, Love like that should get it when the bodies of the lovers' hands."

"How do you know that it does?" she demanded. "How do you know but their souls are living again and being just the same?"

She said so many strange things, this Miss Frances, and she had so funny moods—gay, serious, learned, whimsical. How I loved her! I could

not wait much longer to tell her so but I seemed to catch the right words. One day in the temple had been long, though I had not realized it till she interrupted my thoughts most agreeably.

"I wish that it could stop for it," I said very kindly that its voice must needs be pleasant to her.

"It is going to speak," I said, turning suddenly toward her, but she pointed nothing, toward the temple.

Down the path of the pines came my sister, eager, breathless, waving a letter.

"A secret drawer in the wall, back of my wardrobe," she gasped. "And three nights since she has been here has Frances dreamed of finding her last."

I saw with a curious feeling the peculiar ethnography of my ancestor. I read aloud.

"Look under the threshold of the temple, thou man of my own blood, but think not to appropriate to yourself the words that are thine. They are for her whom thou lovest, as I love my own Caprice."

"Dig, dig," exclaimed my sister, dropping on her knees and trying to pry up the step with her bare hands. "Don't sit there and stare at each other, you two. Let's find what's here."

It was not a hard task, for the stone had loosened the marble steps till they were easily removed. It was an exciting moment when my sister's eager hands dragged to view a small box.

"Open it, brother," she cried.

"Jewels!" cried the sweet, excited voice of my dear girl.

I have always admired my sister, but never more than at that moment, when her curiosity must have been well nigh uncontrollable. She cast one swift look at us two; then she started up the pine path.

"I know that Captain Martha is letting the bread burn," she called back over her dear motherly shoulder.

I took a string of diamonds from the box and my hand went to my sister's heart's neck. An amethyst in her white setting I placed at her white throat. A diamond ring I placed on her golden hair. On her slender, trembling fingers I put rings—rubies, diamonds, emeralds. On her pretty arms I hung bracelets of queer forms, and then I fastened her girlish gold set with a great white opal which looked into marvelous colors with my sweetest, touched it reverently.

When I had finished, she looked like a sweet barbaric princess. I knelt before her, kissing her hand.

"All yours, my queen," I whispered. "For I love you as he loved—Caprice."

"Maybe I am his Caprice," she answered dreamily, "and maybe you are."

"Tell me that you love me, dear," I pleaded.

"She put her finger-like tip to mine. "My first thought of you and my last are the same, beloved," she answered.

"And that is the best of it, for you have a heart for those beloved young queens might keep light."

Of all the pleasure groups we saw abroad I liked Phoenix park, in Dublin, the best, says a writer in the *Irish Times*. It is a beautiful park and the seven mile drive around it is delightful.

Acres of it are let to citizens for pasture, and here and there a fine tree stands in the cool stream give a touch not found in any other resort.

On one plot when we were there a detail of his majesty's redcoats were practicing target shooting. Yonder there is a good house, but the country round. The vice regal lodge, plain and white, looked, in spite of the vastness of the green grounds about it, hot and uninviting in the glare of the August sun.

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Humping Birds in London.

Considerable interest is excited by the humping birds now on view at the zoological gardens. Fifty-three of them, fragile birds were taken on board from Venezuela. Many died in the voyage, but the few that survived, and twenty reached the London parks alive. At the time of writing seventeen are shown in two large glass cages furnished with flowering plants and placed in the insect house. Moths in a cage near look bigger than these small birds. It is to be hoped that these dainty feathered gems may take kindly to their new surroundings and live long to delight the eyes of many dwellers in smoky London. Westminster Gazette.

Remarkable Engineering Feat.

Coal has been reached at a depth of 1321 feet in Lord Londonderry's new colliery at Seaham harbor, in England, after a painstaking campaign. Owing to the presence of enormous quantities of water, forming a quicksand, it was found necessary to freeze the ground to a depth of nearly 500 feet. Twenty-eight holes were bored in a circle about the shaft to a depth of 454 feet, and freezing tubes were inserted. Brine was the medium used to extract the best from the strata. The length of time required to form a wall of ice was 185 days. The wall being maintained for 333 days. In the shaft bottom the frozen sand was so hard that it could be penetrated only by blasting.

A Pair of Elephant Tusks.

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Considerable interest is excited by the humping birds now on view at the zoological gardens. Fifty-three of them, fragile birds were taken on board from Venezuela. Many died in the voyage, but the few that survived, and twenty reached the London parks alive. At the time of writing seventeen are shown in two large glass cages furnished with flowering plants and placed in the insect house. Moths in a cage near look bigger than these small birds. It is to be hoped that these dainty feathered gems may take kindly to their new surroundings and live long to delight the eyes of many dwellers in smoky London. Westminster Gazette.

Remarkable Engineering Feat.

Coal has been reached at a depth of 1321 feet in Lord Londonderry's new colliery at Seaham harbor, in England, after a painstaking campaign. Owing to the presence of enormous quantities of water, forming a quicksand, it was found necessary to freeze the ground to a depth of nearly 500 feet. Twenty-eight holes were bored in a circle about the shaft to a depth of 454 feet, and freezing tubes were inserted. Brine was the medium used to extract the best from the strata. The length of time required to form a wall of ice was 185 days. The wall being maintained for 333 days. In the shaft bottom the frozen sand was so hard that it could be penetrated only by blasting.

A Pair of Elephant Tusks.

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Avoid Pore-Clogging Powders, and Cure all Skin Irritations and Eruptions With Dr. Chase's Ointment

It is quite possible that, while you know of Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for eczema, psoriasis and the most severe forms of itching skin disease, you may have overlooked its value as a beautifier of the skin. There are minor forms of skin trouble, such as rough, red skin, chapping, chapping, pimples, blackheads, blotches, irritation, or poisoning from the clothing, etc., which disfigure and form a starting point for serious trouble.

A few applications of Dr. Chase's Ointment, at such times not only remove these blemishes, but also restore the health and beauty of the skin, and positively prevent further development.

Miss C. Stanley Jones, professional masseuse and nurse, 233 Simcoe street, Toronto, Ont., writes: "In my occupation as a nurse I have come across many cases in which Dr. Chase's Ointment has been used with extraordinary results. One case I recall was that of a child of sixteen months, who was in a bad way, with scaly head. It was a really nasty case, causing the child to suffer very much and to be very troublesome. I persuaded the mother to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and in ten days the child was entirely cured."

"Another case was that of a lady who was greatly troubled with eczema on the face. The doctor was doing her with medicine, which was doing no good. In this case cure was effected in seven days with only one box of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Both of these cures were lasting."

Dr. Chase's Ointment is delightfully pure and creamy, is pleasant to use, and is rapidly absorbed. It acts as a food for the skin, making it soft, healthy and beautiful. It is also a powerful antiseptic and healing properties. It allays inflammation, relieves itching and heals sores, wounds and ulcers. 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Unhappy Speech.

"That speech was unkind," said a woman referring to a colleague's outburst on a subject. "It reminds me of a speech that a widow made to her new husband on the honeymoon."

"Oh," she sighed, throwing herself into the man's arms, "how happy poor dear Jack was, and how much he could only know by 'how happy' the dear lady was."

Overheard in Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, when the sick were being examined.

Military Doctor (to private Jones, of the Buffs)—Well, my man, what's the matter with you?

Private Jones—Pains in the back, Sir.

Doctor (handing him a few pills)—Take one of these a quarter of an hour before you feel the pain coming on.—Tit-Bits.

Nothing Owing.

"I hate you," said Languid Lewis. "I don't see why," rejoined Humble Harry. "It's a safe bet that you never do youse no harm."—Chicago News.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

"Mother, may I come and play with me today?" "No, my child, no. But you may go and play with him if you like."—American Illustration.

Father—Have you ever seen under the microscope all the animals that there are in a drop of water?

Son—Yes, father. Are they also in the water we drink?

Father—No, now I know what makes the water in the kettle sing. It is boiling.—American Illustration.

Summer Furniture

Upholstered in
Hetting

Even clothes trees
come in wicker

An ideal porch
chair.

MORE and more people are being experienced with wicker, finding it one of the latest pieces of furniture to come out in it. Indian stools of wicker are wonderfully attractive, while the new tables, some of them with shelling bases, are sturdy affairs, radically unlike the kind that were first made, which became unwieldy at the slightest provocation. Perhaps the coolest looking of all are the tables, stinging chairs and tables and couches and a dozen other things being made, which are upholstered in the material, so closely woven that it wears almost as well as a bit of tapestry. Old pieces come in it, two that are perhaps most popular, a sofa and a chair, with arms made a part of the rounded back, make ideal porch chairs. Tables and footstools and flower stands—all come to match.

Fashions in China Painting

DAME FASHION dictates in china painting just as in everything else, and fortunately just now the fashion is in the most delightful and artistic designs. We are far removed from the impossible animals and garden flowers that a few years ago brought china painting into disrepute. Today the work that is being done by young women is of a high order, and bears a favorable comparison with the productions of the great painters. The new art has departed from bold, stunning, glaring designs, instead we have delicate, complementary effects, where the flowers and fruits and colors melt into shadowy backgrounds. Harmony is the order of the day, and usually the designs are of a more delicate and artistic nature. Not in drawing of so little importance as formerly. Designs from nature are all the rage, and the models are not strange figures of the imagination, but are studies taken in the woods and fields, or from real, living fish and game. That china painting has regained popularity was made plain by a recent visit to a china studio where last year more than three thousand lessons were given.

With many of these students this work was but a pastime, their aim being to make a good thing of their china, but in every case the artistic value of the present day work is evident.

Flowers and fruits were chiefly used in the decorations. But such wicker as a set of bouillon cups, for instance, was made, a good flower, and flowers of soft, delicate shades blending into each other in a conventional design. Between each panel were blue and gold lines in conventional design.

A dozen game plates by the same artist student did not compel one to eat from a banquet of the most delicious duck, but had small, finely mounted game, which kind set in panels on a dull yellow border, between rounded corners.

A set of salad plates had a conventional design of roses, and the artist student did not compel one to eat from a banquet of the most delicious duck, but had small, finely mounted game, which kind set in panels on a dull yellow border, between rounded corners.

This acid work, by the way, though very rich in appearance, rarely attempted by amateurs on acid, but in the hands of the artist being used in the process. A point is put on wherever the design is shiny, and all over the painting on the inside.

terior of the plate. The whole dish is then put in wax and inserted in the soil for a short time. Wherever there is no relief, the acid eats into the plate, pressing the design in dull effects, the glaze being later highly burnished.

Fruit bowl designs in oranges was particularly good to look at, with its creamy blossoms, dull yellow fruit and green leaves, merging into a soft, blue-green base.

A great deal of work, painted in rich red, King apples in the same blended tones, was especially attractive, with a complete adorned with a simple design of red corn and soft pink dots and lines.

There were several nut bowls in mellow yellows and browns, done in chestnuts, and another with bunches of chestnuts and another with bunches of chestnuts.

Many jeweled and gold work is now used. The gold is greatly improved after being fired, it is touched up with a sharp-pointed acetate pencil or blenders to give bright and dull effects.

Interesting Dutch supper sets consist of a dozen plates, a dozen saucers, a large tray and a magnificent dish. These are decorated in dull browns with marks in green design.

Art Nouveau Effects
What is called the art nouveau is also popular. This is usually broadly conventionalized heads and rich gold and color effects.

Many pleasing novelties are now painted. There are buttons and belts in jeweled work, many of them being decorated to look like the costume. As a rule, the turquoise enamel is the most successful, though all shades can be used. One attractive set was in dull blue with turquoise.

Headbands, thin, heart-shaped bookbinders, attached to ribbons, necklaces with china hearts on gold chains, and rings and holders and matchboxes to hold safety matches are all in vogue. For these the artist employed miniature work, either in flowers or jewelry, and the work was used any more. Frequently the hold-ers were decorated with a row of bright colors to bring out the subdued green of the background. The artist painted a bunch of violets, the purple flowers rising in a thick border from rich green leaves.

A new table
with a shelling
base

AN OUTDOOR JUNE WEDDING

THE fatal month of matrimony approaches, and this year's batch of June brides bids fair to be larger than ever—despite the pessimists who urge a tax on bachelors.

There is no season in the year quite so popular as the month of June for weddings, not even its great rival, October. Nor is the reason hard to find. When better can one count on more of the sunshine that makes the "happy bride?"

In the matter of wedding, nature, also, can aid any one after a drier time than June for wedding. Nature smiles, man smiles with her, and the combination leaves nothing to be desired. Given soft, balmy air, glorious flowers in profusion, dainty, fluffy gowns and noney crowned hats for brides, and guests, all joined to the bubbling good spirits the season inspires—wedding brilliancy is inevitable.

June bride to be really the centre of a picture such as "he" will be forced to be married out of doors.

You live in town and cannot be unfortunate you—that is, if you really do. Nowadays, in the suburbs, at least, lawns of fair proportions offer a perfect spot for a little home ceremony under the trees.

True, the massive institution might prove intrusive; and no bride cares to have the most solemn occasion of her life witnessed by curious strangers. But decorators are ingenious, and it is perfectly possible to have temporary vine and flower-dressed trellises that are prying glances.

A flower setting, whose home on the outskirts of a big city was surrounded by a large, old-fashioned yard, filled with hollyhocks and roses and lilies and larkspur, was determined to be married among the flowers she loved.

"No public," said disapproving relatives, "won't be when I'm through with it." declared the bride.

The choice for the ceremony a spot well at the back of the side lawn, beneath two glorious, lily-topped trees, near which was a great clump of shrubbery, and a back garden, and a front, at each side, stretched dense foliage, and a succession of red brick walks.

Leading up to the spot where the ceremony was to stand was a long pergola ablaze with number roses, with a double row of roses on either side, and a perfect setting of a lane behind it.

When the bride and groom were seated, the ceremony was performed. The bride, in a white gown, with a long veil, and the groom, in a dark suit, with a white shirt and a dark tie, were seated on a white bench.

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An Attractive Arrangement

On the Care of the Hair

"Liquid rouge," comprising carmine, ammonia water, rose water and spirits of rose. Could you use this occasionally without injury to the skin?"

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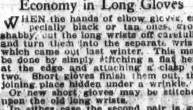
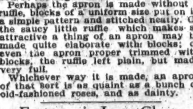
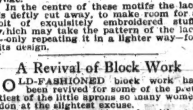
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LOCALS

LOST—Horse and buggy lost on Monday. The horse is a bay, with white spot on face, three white feet, braided on right face with figure five and on left hip with the letter 'S'. Anybody returning same to Rev. D. Jones, Taber, Alta., or giving information that will lead to its recovery will be suitably rewarded.

We understand Messrs. Cousins, Mayhew and Miller have donated four lots on the south side of the track to the English Church on the understanding that the proceeds of their sale will go towards erecting a fine bell on the church. This is certainly a very liberal and the members of St. Theodore will appreciate their generous gift.

Miss Laura E. Marshall, who has been spending the summer at Holliston, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller, returned to Toronto to finish her fourth year course in philosophy at Toronto University. We understand Miss Marshall was the only lady in her class last year and that at the examinations she stood fourth. She is a very bright student and will make an effort to take first place this year.

On Rev. Mr. Harcourt's last visit to Knox Church, Taber, he strongly urged the organization of classes, during the coming winter, for the study of Mission work in India. A set of books on this subject had been previously presented to the church by Mr. Douglas. It is now proposed to form a society with the aim of promoting social as well as literary interest. A meeting which will be announced on next Sunday, will be called during the first week in October, for the purpose of appointing officers and committees. All persons interested in these evenings should make a point of being present at this meeting.

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

A happy event took place Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Woodpecker, when their daughter Rhoda Annette was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to William Colville Southworth. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop VanOrman of the L.D.S. Church. There was a large number of guests present and the bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. After the marriage ceremony the happy party sat down to partake of a most sumptuous wedding supper and the evening was spent most pleasantly in games and other amusements. We understand Mr. and Mrs. Southworth will make their future home in California. The Free Press joins their many friends in congratulations.

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday evening when Israel Justin Parks of Raymond, was united in holy wedlock to Miss Hannah, daughter of Mr. J. P. Johnson of this town. Bishop R. A. VanOrman conducting the ceremony. The happy young couple left Sunday morning for their home at Raymond hearing with them the best wishes of a host of friends for their future success and happiness.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a. m., every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p. m.—Sunday evening service at 8 p. m.

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p. m.

Knox church—Sunday school and Bible class 11 a. m. Evening service 7.30. Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting, 8 p. m.

St. Theodore Church—The services at the English Church until further notice will be as follows:—Sunday school at 3 p. m., every Sunday. Evening service at 7.30.

Baptist Service—A Baptist service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. All welcome.

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Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years or an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights are applied for.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of five dollars, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lease of coal mining rights, which are not being operated shall furnish the district Agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase what ever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be looked for.

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Taber Breezes

John Pettifer was up at Lethbridge Monday.

W. D. McIntyre of Moose Jaw, was in town yesterday.

J. C. Hobbs went to Medicine Hat Wednesday morning.

Good general servant wanted. Apply to Mrs. W. W. Douglas.

Lessard Bros. were at Lethbridge Monday.

The gas well at Lethbridge is now down one thousand feet.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bateman of London, Ont., were in town Friday.

W. C. Gardner was a Frank visitor to town Saturday.

Jas. Hargreaves was down from Fernie Wednesday on business.

W. H. Young of Lethbridge paid Taber a visit yesterday.

M. V. Gallivan, V.S., of Lethbridge spent Friday in town.

Neil M. Stocker was in from Chin Quale Sunday.

G. P. Porter was here from Coleman Saturday.

S. Hotchkiss of Clarendon, license inspector, paid Taber a visit Saturday.

Mayor Cousins and P. J. Harlow of Medicine Hat were guests in town Saturday.

Geo. Hoaglin was in from Burdett Monday. He reports that town booming.

Dr. Agnew, dentist, of Clinto, Ont., spent a few days here professionally this week.

John Carroll returned this week from Nelson, B. C., where he had been attending the fair.

R. P. Wallace left Sunday for Winnipeg. Congratulations will be in order on his return.

I have the exclusive sale of all lots in the Wilcox addition. E. S. BOWDEN, Blue Front Store.

Chas. Edwards has bought the shoe shop back from S. S. Bennett and will conduct the business.

Mr. M. C. Knowles of Duluth was in town a few days this week and dropped in to see the Free Press.

Messrs. Jno. McLean, D. H. McArthur and Simon Trent were Lethbridge visitors in town yesterday.

Real estate business is again brightening up. Several transfers of property were made this week.

A. L. Whitworth of Edmonton, representing the Alberta Confectionery Co., was in town Friday.

Rev. J. R. Munro, B.D., was at Medicine Hat Sunday and preached the anniversary services there.

NOTICE.—The season is late, still ice cream is on at Beck's. A specialty of ice cream on Saturday. Call in.

H. O'Connor, who is building a hotel at Burdett for Mr. Wagner, was a business visitor to Taber Tuesday.

E. T. Westlake, E. VanVillie and John Pettifer went down to their homesteads near Grass Lake yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McPhail of Calgary were in town a few days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bowden.

There was a small fire at Woodpecker last week. A fire brigade was quickly organized and soon extinguished the flames.

Mr. Kimball, who attended the Magraith fair, tells us he never saw a finer display of vegetables and wheat than he did there. The fair was a rousing success in every particular.

W. R. Muirhead, representing F. W. Law & Co. of Winnipeg, wholesale stationery and fancy goods, was in town Wednesday.

Rev. J. W. Morrow, L.L.B., of Medicine Hat occupied the pulpit in Knox church Sunday and preached a very interesting sermon.

Mr. Jenkins is installing a weigh scale in front of his store. This will be a great advantage to the public who want to weigh loads.

H. C. Miller of Dakota was here Monday looking over some property. We understand he is going to build a hotel at the new town of Hamilton.

The services, in connection with the Annual Children's Day Celebration will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 a.m. All cordially invited.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair, who was out driving with Rev. D. Jones' horse, met with a misfortune, the horse running away. The horse and buggy have not been found yet.

List of fruits—apples, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, grapes, oranges, lemons, also water melons, cantaloupes, celery, etc., at A. Beck's, the fruit and confectionery store.

If you want good dress making and millinery done try Robbins & Baker, B. Street north of Trussell's street. Dress making in all branches done by experienced hands. 31-32.

J. McNeely, of Medicine Hat, who has the grist mill there was here Thursday last making arrangements for buying grain. We understand Mr. Jenkins will handle the business here.

Rev. Father Touret of Medicine Hat held service here over McAskle Bros' store Sunday. The attendance was large. We understand he purposes holding service here every two weeks.

Chas. Leonard of Lethbridge, bookkeeper for the Rogers-Cunningham Lumber Co., is here this week and will remain a short time. We understand Mr. Glaysher will go to Lethbridge.

O. A. Robertson of St. Paul, W. J. Roberts of Chicago and F. E. Kenaston of Minneapolis, who are all connected with the Canada West Coal & Coke Co., were in town Saturday in connection with their mine here.

Chas. Southworth has sold his house, lots and business to Frank Gerber and W. J. W. Kilgore for a good price. Mr. Southworth has bought property in California and he and his family will move there in the near future.

For the better accommodation of the people in the south and west parts of the town I will be at the real estate office of Mr. Geo. C. Millar beginning with October 1st, for a few days to receive school taxes. G. W. QUIBBLE.

We understand James Hanson has not accepted the position of constable and D. W. Burns has been appointed. Mr. Burns was constable and deputy sheriff in Dakota for a number of years and will make a good man for the position.

R. L. Bordon, the leader of the Conservative party in the House of Commons, is making a tour through the west. He will be at Lethbridge on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, and address a meeting there in the afternoon. Mr. Bordon is a clever speaker and he will no doubt receive a rousing reception at Lethbridge.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild a basket social will be held in Cousins' hall at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. No fee will be charged for admittance, but the ladies are asked to bring lunch baskets with them. A very pleasant time is expected.

Mr. John Renner, manager of the Enterprise Coal Mining Co., has just returned from a business trip to Moose Jaw, where he took a large number of orders for coal. He tells us that they yet require a large amount of coal in the east and orders are given freely.

J. F. McKinney of Lethbridge was in town Monday on his way home from Minneapolis. Some time ago he was in the real estate business here and he says the growth of Taber has been really remarkable. He was surprised to see the amount of building going on.

SOME CURIOSITIES.

Different Lengths of a Mile—How a Rod Was Determined.
The standard yard prevails throughout the United Kingdom, but the length of the English, Scotch and Irish mile is different in each, which is the more curious, seeing that the English and American miles are identical. But the occasional local variations in our British Isles are even more remarkable. These were perhaps originally due to the inexactitudes of ancient land surveying, which was comparatively of such a free and easy character that the acres of neighboring counties, not to say adjacent parishes, sometimes varied.

A book published in the reign of Edward VI. gives the following curious naive instructions on the subject: "Stand at the door of a church on Sunday and bid sixteen men to stop, call ones and small ones, as they happen to pass out. Then make them put their left feet one behind the other, and the length thus obtained shall be a right and lawful rod to measure the land, and the sixteenth part of it shall be a right and lawful foot."

This is almost laughable, but we have only to apply to one of the older dictionaries to find that anything like exactness, whether of definition or of fact, is quite a modern scientific development. And the story of the acre is a case in point. It was supposed to have been reduced to a common standard in 1805, but it was not until 1824 that we enacted the statute acre of 4,840 square yards.

With the loose system of measurement prevailing for the greater part of that long interval, it is not surprising that the so-called "acre" was too often what the local wisecracks happened to make of it. By long use and wont it seems probable that the discrepancies thus arising occasionally crystallized into customs, of which some examples still survive. A Welsh acre was formerly twice as large as an English one, while a Scottish acre is larger than ours by more than 1,000 square yards.

According to authority, there are seven different measures still in use, by which the acre may be variously defined. Lancashire has within her borders acres measured on a custom of local scale, while the so-called Cheshire acre is even larger than that of its Welsh neighbor.—London Globe

CHINESE USE TIME STICKS.

Each Will Burn Throughout a Period of Twelve Hours.
The Chinese have several contrivances for keeping the time of day. The water clock has often been described, but the use of burning sticks is less familiar. These are described by Colonel Bridges in his book, "Round the World in Six Months."

We bought a small bundle of time sticks. The sticks, each of which is thirty-two inches long, are used, as their name more or less implies, for the purpose of measuring time. For use by day some are especially made while others for service by night are particularly constructed.

Each burns during a period of twelve hours. Of these "Kling Alford" candles, as some of our party termed them, we bought two from a printed circular or advertisement which was at the time first handed to us by the man who sold them. We learned the following particulars:

The materials from which these time-measuring sticks are made are prepared according to the directions of the official or imperial astronomer or astrologer. The duration of each time stick is adjusted according to its clepsidra or water clock, so that the time which it indicates when burning may be regarded as correct.

Time sticks which are manufactured to mark the hours of the day must be lighted at day dawn, when the line in the palm of the hand is visible, while those which are constructed to mark the hours of the night must be lighted at dusk when the lines on the palm of the hand are not visible. Each stick when burning must be placed in a perpendicular position. It is also necessary that it should be placed in a room free from currents of air.

Leibnitz and the Alchemists.
Leibnitz, one of the great men of literature, who died in 1716, wished to join a society of alchemists who were prosecuting a search for the philosopher's stone. He couched a letter from the writings of the most celebrated alchemists and sent it to the society. The letter consisted of the most secure terms he could find, and he himself, he said, did not understand a word of it. A friend to be thought into the society invited him to its meetings and made him secretary.—Arconaut.

Her Poem.
"Oh, George," she exclaimed, "now that you've seen my new hat you simply can't regret that I got it! Isn't it just a poem?"

"Well, if it is," replied John. "I suppose a proper title for it would be 'Ode to a Milliner.'"

Case in Point.
Miss Nibbles—How true it is that the older we grow the less we appreciate the things that used to delight us in childhood! Miss Pert—Yes, especially birthdays.—London Tit-Bits.

The Continuous Challenge.
Jimmy—A-A-A, an wonder yer kin lick me. Yer two years older'n me. Mick—Well, come round when yer as old as me an' I'll lick yer den too.—Judge.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.—Holmes.

POLAR DAYS AND NIGHTS.

Day, Which is Summer, is No So Bad, but the Night is Awful.

During a polar winter the average thickness of ice on the ocean where the sun never rises is about three feet, reaches six feet or more. There is really no warm season. Even during the long summer days snow still falls frequently. Clear spots are relatively warm, but, especially in the antarctic, fogs and clouds are frequent, while winds bring low temperatures.

Notwithstanding the summer heat, the margins of the arctic zone is described in the Journal of Geography as having clean, pure, crisp air, free from dust and with little precipitation.

The monotony and darkness of the polar night is decreased a good deal by the long twilight, due to the high degree of refraction at low temperatures. The sun actually appears and disappears some days before and after the times which are geometrically set for the change.

Light from moon and stars and from the aurora also relieve the darkness. Optical phenomena of great variety, beauty and complexity are common. Solar and lunar halos, and coronae and veils and sun and moon are often seen. Auroras seem to be less common and less brilliant in the antarctic than in the arctic. Sunset and sunrise colors in the polar zones are as described as being extraordinarily brilliant and impressive.

Thus the north polar summer, in spite of its drawbacks, is in some respects a pleasant and beautiful season. But the polar night is monotonous, depressing, repelling, a veritable uniform snow covering, rigidly, lifelessness, silence, except for the howl of the gale or the creaking of the ice.

Small wonder that the polar night has sometimes unbalanced men's minds. The first effects are often a strong desire for sleep and indifference. Later effects have been sleeplessness and nervousness, tending in extreme cases to insanity, anæmia, digestive troubles.

Extraordinarily low winter temperatures are easily borne if the air is dry and still. Nansen notes "not very cold" at a temperature of 40° below when the air was still. Another arctic explorer at 9 degrees says, "it is too warm to skate."

Even weather seems pleasantly refreshing if clear and calm. But high relative humidity and wind, even a light breeze, give the same degree of cold a penetrating feeling of chill which may be unbearable. Thus the damper air of spring and summer usually seems much colder than the drier air of winter, although the temperatures may be the same. When exposed directly to the air, the skin burns and blisters, the lips crack and crack.

There has been much complaint of by polar explorers and is surely due to the active evaporation from the warm body into the dry, relatively cold air. There is no doubt that polar air is singularly free from micro organisms, a fact which is due chiefly to lack of communication with other parts of the world; hence diseases which are common in temperate zones, colds among them, are rare.

Gulls as Life Savers.
"I wouldn't no more kill a gull than I would a baby," said the sailor.

"Why not?"
"Why not? Because gulls has saved my life, that's why not. Gulls is life savers. They've saved the lives of thousands of sailors. They ought to all wear round their neck white necks a pink silk ribbon with one of them there Andy Carnegie medals tied to it. Wunst off the shipwreck in a fog, we lost our bearings and we'd all run aground and drowned sure if the boat crewn't of gulls on the cliffs! Laddie give us timely warning."

Time after time in black, stormy times, in mists and fogs, gulls' cries have saved our lives. I know sailors who has lost their way off deadly coasts."

Epicurean Finesse.
Two Marcelluses were discussing the best method of eating game. "Well," said one, "if it is a woodcock, I hang it up on a nail by the back and fasten some larks onto its claws. After a week I throw away the woodcock and eat the larks, which by that time have absorbed all the flavor of the woodcock." "I do the same," replied the other, "not to be outdone, 'except that I throw away the larks as well as the woodcock, and eat the nail.'"

A Good Beginning.
"My beau," said little Elsie, "is going to be an admiral."

"Indeed!" replied the visitor. "A cadet at the Naval academy now, I suppose?"

"Oh, he hasn't got that far yet, but he has an anchor tattooed on his arm."

A Genius.
"Mr. Spriggle is the most diplomatic man I ever knew."

"I have never noticed it."

"Why, he can give an order for a meal and arrange it so that the waiter will have to pronounce the French name of every dish on the bill of fare."

The Way to Fame.
"So you are going to Europe?" "Yes," answered the man who appears to be a comedian of the first rank. "I don't care much about the trip, but the reporters never seem anxious to interview you about American affairs until you have been some long enough to lose track of them."

All the world's a stage, but the majority of us sit in the gallery and throw things at the performers.—Lrasp.

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